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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: COMMODITIES - UNCTAD COMMON FUND
MEETING NOVEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 2

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1. THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND
OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORTATION ARE PRIMARILY
CONCERNED WITH FORMULATING WITH GOL'S POSITION ON COMMON
FUND. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS THE COORDINATING
AGENCY. IN THE PLANNING MINISTRY, DEPUTY MINISTER FOR
PLANNING AND POLICY EMMANUEL O. GARDINER ASSISTED BY
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR RESEARCH PAUL JEFFY IS INVOLVED
IN FORMULATING POLICY ON COMMON FUND. IN THE COMMERCE
MINISTRY, ASSISTANT MINISTER OF INDUSTRY L. KWIA JOHNSON
AND DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL ADMINISTRATION MRS. MACLEOD
TURKETT-DARPOH PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERMINISTERIAL
PLANNING-COMMERCE-FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO DRAW UP
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GOL POSITION ON COMMON FUND AND COMMODITY PROBLEMS. IN
INTERNATIONAL FORA CONCERNED WITH SUBJECT MATTER, BOTH
MINISTRIES SEND REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATE IN LEADING
GOL DELEGATION. AT UNCTAD IV GOL DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY
COMMERCE MINISTER DENNIS. AT THE MANILA MEETING OF GROUP
OF 77 DEPUTY MINISTER GARDINER WAS CHIEF OF GOL DELEGATION.

2. GOL DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE UNCTAD CONFERENCE ON COMMON FUND. ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL, GOL WILL PARTICIPATE IN ECA SPONSORED CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT DAR-ES-SALAAM (OCT 18-21) TO DRAW UP "AFRICA POSITION" ON COMMON FUND.

3. OFFICIALS FROM BOTH MINISTRIES OF PLANNING AND COMMERCE ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN NOVEMBER MEETING. BY THAT TIME INTERMINISTERIAL GROUP WILL HAVE ARRIVED AT CONSENSUS ON ALL OR MOST ISSUES RELATED TO COMMON FUND. GOL DELEGATION WOULD HAVE TO REFER ANY PROPOSED DEPARTURES FROM PREVIOUSLY AGREED POSITIONS TO MONROVIA FOR FINAL DECISION.

4. ALTHOUGH GOL HAS GENEVA UN EUROPEAN OFFICE HEADED BY AMBASSADOR, LATTER, UNLESS HE IS AN EXPERT ON SUBJECT, IS NOT EXPECTED TO PLAY POLICY MAKING ROLE AT THE NOVEMBER MEETINGS.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US EXPERT TO DISCUSS COMMON FUND WITH GOL OFFICIALS. SUCH AN EXPERT SHOULD HOLD TALKS IN MONROVIA IN EARLY OCTOBER BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE ECA SPONSORED CONFERENCE OR BETTER STILL ARRANGE TO BRIEF AFRICAN DELEGATES AT DAR-ES-SALAAM.
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